

The Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Project

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

What will be evaluated in the Draft EIS?

An environmental impact statement (EIS) is an in-depth analysis of alternatives considered for a project.

An EIS:

- Identifies and describes environmental impacts of project alternatives
- Identifies actions to mitigate adverse impacts
- Helps decision makers determine the alternative that best meets the project purpose and need
- Provides the public and agencies an opportunity to review and comment on proposed alternatives and project impacts

The Draft EIS will be organized into several chapters and will include detailed appendices. The following information will be contained in the Draft EIS for the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Project:

An executive summary will give a brief overview of the project and key points from the EIS. Chapter 1 will explain the purpose and need for the project. The project alternatives will be presented in Chapter 2. Overall transportation mobility including forecasted travel demand, future volumes and congestion, transit access, and bicycle and pedestrian access will be described in Chapter 3. Chapter 4 will discuss existing, construction, and future conditions; project impacts; and possible mitigation for the following subjects:

- Right-of-way acquisition, displacement and relocation social impacts
- Economics
- Land use
- Social elements
- Noise
- Vegetation, fish and wildlife
- Water quality
- Historic and archeological resources
- Visual quality
- Air quality
- Hazardous materials
- Geology and soils
- Parklands
- Utilities
- Energy

Remaining chapters will present references, supporting tables and documentation, and appendices.

The EIS is a public document that will be made available for review and comment. A series of public open houses and a formal hearing will be conducted to solicit feedback. Comments will be documented and responses will be provided in the Final EIS.